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FY-75 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: KIQ-26

KIQ-26: What are the strengths and weaknesses of Warsaw Pact forces for theater war?

PART I -- EVALUATION OF KIQ ACHIEVEMENT.

A. Overall Performance Evaluation.

Community effort with regard to this KIQ resulted in completion of a National Intelligence Estimate and substantial progress toward the completion of a US version of MC 161/76. These documents have met many objectives of this KIQ. In addition, there were a number of single agency publications which have contributed substantially to answering this KIQ. Nonetheless, some important questions remain substantially unanswered.

B. Evaluation of Performance with Respect to Collection Objectives and Relative Contribution of Collection Methods.

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C. Evaluation of Performance with Respect to Production Objectives.

NIE 11-14-75 was produced and substantial progress was made toward completion of MC 161, although neither was completed by the end of FY 75. There are still gaps in finished intelligence on some aspects of this KIQ which were not covered in the community documents. A shortage of analysts to work on this KIQ prevented full accomplishment of the production objectives set for this KIQ. Numerous single agency memoranda were produced within the community which helped meet some of the objectives of this KIQ.

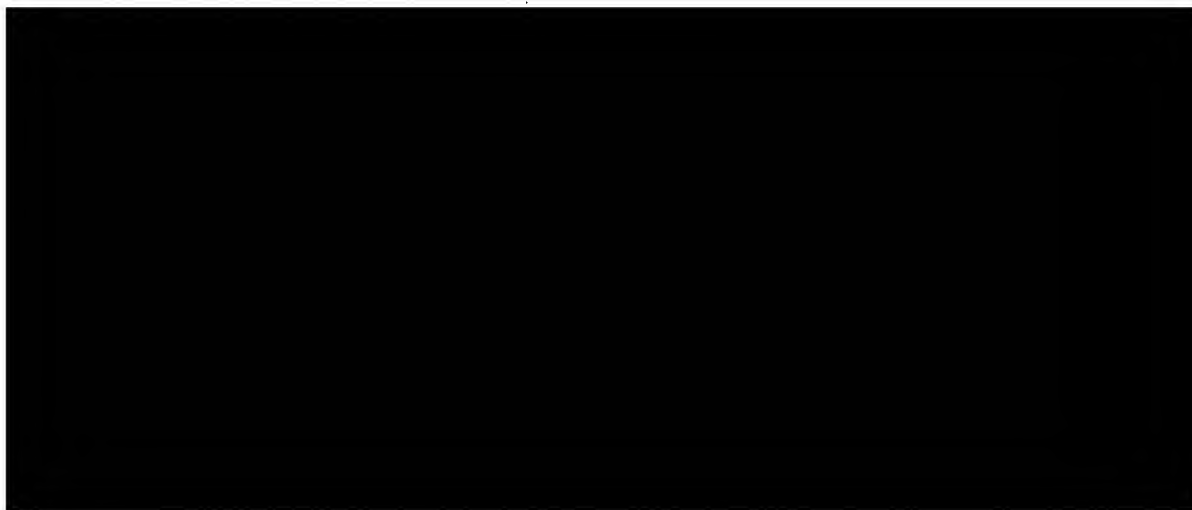
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PART II -- EVALUATION OF AGENCY COMMITMENTS.

A. Collection Programs.



4. Defector Reporting from the Defector Reception Center and the military services made a contribution to judgments on training and related matters.



B. Production Programs

The community acting in concert contributed to the production of NIE 11-14-75 and the draft of the US MC 161/76, and to the extent that these documents answered questions posed by this KIQ, fulfilled the production objectives. A joint study drafted by CIA and coordinated by DIA on the subject of tactical nuclear weapons was completed. Input from the new DIA branch in support of production for this KIQ was evident in contributions to both estimates and in the completion of the initial draft of the Department of Defense study on Warsaw Pact organization, doctrine, tactics and capabilities for the employment of theater nuclear weapons. CIA produced two single agency studies on the expansion and modernization in the Soviet theater forces, and on the capabilities for reinforcement of Warsaw Pact tactical air forces in central Europe which were key inputs to NIE 11-14-75.

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